Petroleum and Natural Gas and oil companies is finalizing revised guidelines regarding the layout and other relevant issues for access to fuel stations from National Highways.

(d) and (e) An analysis of road accidents in the country reveals that about 84% of accidents are caused due to the human factors, that is, on account of fault of the drivers. Conditions of vehicles and road environment are other main factors, causing accidents.

(f) The revised guidelines for access to fuel stations are expected to enhance safe and uninterrupted flow of traffic.

National Highways in M.P.

†291. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the additional stretch of roads which are likely to be declared as National Highway in Madhya Pradesh by the year 2002-2003;

(b) the details regarding the roads which were recommended by the National Transport Committee to be declared as National Highway in 1984 in Madhya Pradesh and the number of roads which have been declared as Highways so far; and

(c) the number of proposals pending with Government for construction of roads of Inter-State importance and by when sanction is likely to be accorded in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway in the country at present. 22 proposals received for declaration of National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been returned to the State Government for review on the basis of the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. The Government may however, consider declaration of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan from amongst the modified proposals to be received from various States keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The National Transport Policy Committee had recommended the following five roads in Madhya Pradesh for declaration as National Highways. These roads have since been declared as National Highways.

Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Rewa
Nagpur-Obaidullaganj (to Bhopal)
Katni-Shahdol-Ambikapur-Gumla
Ahmedabad-Indore-Dewas-Bhopal
Jaipur-Kota-Biaora (to Bhopal)

(c) During the year 2001-2002, two proposals of Inter-State connectivity had been accorded 'in-principle' approval for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Detailed estimate for one proposal amounting to Rs. 6.98 crore has been sanctioned. The detailed estimate for the other proposal is awaited from the State. For the year 2002-2003, no proposal has been received from the State Government for approval under Inter-State connectivity.

Rest Houses on National Highways

†292. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct Rest Houses on National Highways;

(b) if so, whether construction of the same is also being considered on the highways crossing Gujarat;

(c) if so, the number of the Rest Houses likely to be constructed during the current year alongwith the locations thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) Government has a policy that passenger-oriented way-side amenities including Rest Houses should be available along National Highways at every 50 kilometre intervals.

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